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Stubble Burning
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The National Fire Service has had to turn out on a number of occasions recently, to attend fires which, on arrival, were found to be due to the carrying out of such burning.
If the local Fire Station is notified beforehand, they will then be prepared for such calls and can deal with them accordingly
MARTIN WELLS
Secretary.
County Hall, Maidstone.

NIGHT FIRE

MOTHER AND SEVEN CHILDREN ESCAPE

Thanks to the prompt action of a police officer, a woman and her seven children escaped unharmed from a burning house at Margate in the early hours on Monday morning.

P/C Bullard was on duty at the corner of High-street and Mill-lane at 5 a.m. when he saw the reflection of flames on the wall of a house in St. John's-road. The ground floor front room of No. 8 was well alight.

The officer aroused the occupants—Mrs. Violet Dunkling and her seven children—telephoned for assistance and, by means of bowls of water, had the fire under control by the time the N.F.S. arrived a few minutes later.

The outbreak is believed to have been due to the faulty wiring of a wireless set.

BRAVE CONDUCT

CERTIFICATE FOR RAMSGATE AIRMAN

Before a large company of service colleagues on the parade ground at his station last week a Ramsgate airman received from his commanding officer a certificate recording that his name had appeared in the "London Gazette" for brave conduct.

He is Acm. Frederick William Pettman, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pettman, of 228 Newington-road. Until recently he was a corporal but he is now taking an electrician's course and temporarily reverts to aircraftman.

The certificate stated that Acm. Pettman's name was published in the "London Gazette" in January after he had been commended for brave conduct.

Frederick, aged 20, popularly known as "Pep," is an old boy of St. Lawrence School and he will be remembered as one of the stalwarts of the Ramsgate Schoolboys football team which won the Fletcher trophy. After leaving school he was employed by the Ramsgate and District Electric Supply Co. Ltd. until shortly before the outbreak of war, when he was called up as a member of the R.A.F.V.R. He went to France soon afterwards and was in that country until the evacuation. When he returned he spent a long period in Northern Ireland but was transferred to the Midlands a few weeks ago.

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FIVE INJURED

BOMBS ON S.E. COAST TOWNS

Five people were taken to hospital with slight injuries when a German raider dropped a bomb on the outskirts of a south-east coast town last night.

The bomb fell on a brickfield close to a wooden built bungalow which was extensively damaged. Slates were blown from roofs of other houses nearby and many windows shattered.

The injured were Mr. and Mrs. John Twyman, Mrs. Blewitt and her 13-year-old son, and Mr. Frederick Dyer.

In an adjoining town three bombs were dropped but although there was superficial damage to a number of houses there were no casualties.

One bomb dropped in a third town fell in the garden of a house but no one was hurt.

MARGATE SOLDIER REPORTED KILLED

Pte. Derek Herbert Longshaw, younger son of Mrs. Longshaw, of 50 Addiscombe-road, Margate, who went to North Africa with the First Army last November, is reported to have been killed by enemy action.

Twenty-one years old, he was an old boy of Salmestone School and until joining the Army was employed as a milk roundsman. During the Tunisian campaign he was engaged in cable laying.

MISLAID IDENTITY CARD

YOUNG LABOURER FINED

"It is because of the trouble he has caused that we took proceedings against him," said C/I H. G. Butcher at Ramsgate police court on Monday, when Gerald Buckwell, aged 16, a labourer, of Ida-street, Poplar, was summoned for failing to produce his identity card as required by a police officer at Ramsgate on 6th July.

In a letter to the court, in which he pleaded guilty, defendant said he was sent to Ramsgate to work by the Ministry of Labour and on arrival found he had not got his identity card. He returned to Poplar after two days and discovered that his card had been mislaid. He applied for a new one and had only just received it.

C/I Butcher said defendant arrived at Ramsgate railway station on 6th July and failed to produce his identity card to W/Pc Feeley. He was served with a form to produce it within two days. As defendant had failed to do so and had returned to Poplar a communication was made to the Metropolitan police. On 27th July a constable called on defendant and was then said "On my return I was unable to find my identity card. On 27th July I made application for a new one."

Defendant was fined 10s.

THANET N.F.S. SUCCESSES

The Ramsgate and Broadstairs subdivision of D Division did well in the National Fire Service competitions which took place at Sittingbourne on Saturday.

The contests were the area finals in the Regional pump competition and by winning the light pump event Ramsgate and Broadstairs earned the right to represent D Division in the Regional finals to be held in September. Margate came second in this section and also qualified for the Regional finals, while Walmer won the heavy pump competition, with Margate second. Teams from all over Kent participated.

Ldg.-Fmn. Setterfield, Woodlands and May and Fmn. Todd comprised the Ramsgate and Broadstairs team.

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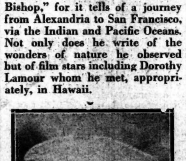
RAMSGATE MARINE'S ADVENTURES

Mne. W. H. Bishop, whose home is in Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, can justly regard himself as a much travelled man.

His service in the Royal Marines has introduced him to many widely different parts of the world and from his pen two interesting articles have already appeared in the Advertiser & Echo—one telling of the dark days in Crete that preceded the evacuation of the island and the other, in more humorous vein, of his adventures when he and a pal marooned themselves on a "paradise island."

The article which he now contributes might be called "The Further Adventures of Marine Bishop," for it tells of a journey from Alexandria to San Francisco, via the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Not only does he write of the wonders of nature he observed but of film stars including Dorothy Lamour whom he met, appropriately, in Hawaii.



The Smiling Marine.

Mne. Bishop writes:

I wonder how many people realise how beneficial to this country the Lease-Lend Act is, particularly in the repairing of our warships in United States dockyards. Literally hundreds of our vessels have been repaired there since the Act was passed. The ship I was on was torpedoed in the Mediterranean and subsequently we made the long journey from Alexandria to San Francisco. After three years of foreign service this decision came as a godsend to us all. Unfortunately some of our shipmates never came with us, for we had left them in their watery grave.

It was on 1st May, 1941, that we sailed from Alexandria in a rather battered condition. Everyone was cheering until the lighthouse of Rasel-Tin faded from sight. At that time my brother, A/B F. Bishop, was on his way to join my ship and, as he says, "give me a pleasant surprise," for I hadn't seen him for three years. Fate decreed otherwise, for the merchant ship in which he was taking passage was unavoidably delayed. It was one of my biggest disappointments when I learned this afterward, but the irony of it was that we passed his ship at Port Said scarcely 100 yards apart.

Through Suez.

One can hardly fail to be impressed on seeing the statue of De Lesseps, who built the Suez Canal, situated on the promenade at its entrance. On closer observation one can seen an ancient camel parading up and down the sea front, waiting for passengers, usually members of the Navy. Photographs are taken and invariably when "Jolly Jack" or a marine is taken, he produces the inevitable bottle of beer, much to the natives' delight. Modesty in the Navy is an unknown quality—when we are abroad, at least.

As we entered the canal, government buildings, hotels and tourist agencies—presumably out of business—could be seen on the starboard side. Progress is necessarily slow through the Suez owing to the fact that the banks are only sand and will crumble easily under the force of a ship's wash. Desolate sandy wastes met our eye on each side with just an occasional gun-site, unavailably lonely every few hundred yards. The soldiers there must have known we were bound for civilisation and ultimately England, as they never failed to tell us to "go to sea" in quite a friendly way. We replied in the usual Navy language—definitely blue-pencil!

Hell 'on Earth.

The journey through the canal took eight hours or so and we didn't go ashore at Port Suez but continued on the next stage of the journey through the Red Sea. To my mind this was the worst part of the trip, made in a clammy heat. Next stop was Aden, a veritable hell on earth, the temperature wavering on the 125

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AWARD TO FLT.-LT. MARK BATEMAN

When Flt.-Lt. Mark Bateman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bateman, of the Cinque Ports Arms, King-street, Ramsgate, was home on leave during the week-end his friends were surprised to see that he wore the ribbon of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Not even Mark's parents were aware that he had won the award and the officer did not enlighten them about the deed for which he was decorated. Incidentally, it was only recently that he received his promotion from the rank of flying officer.

Mark began his flying training at Ramsgate Airport in peace-time.

HAPPY ENDING

SUICIDE CHARGE DISMISSED

An attempt by a young married woman to take her own life had a happy sequel at Ramsgate police court on Monday when the magistrates granted the request of her husband that he should be given the opportunity of looking after her.

The woman, Mrs. Lilian Stockley, aged 23, whose address was given as Lime Kiln-cottage, Stanley-passage, Ramsgate, was charged on remand with taking a quantity of aspirin tablets with intent to take her life on 3rd August. She pleaded guilty.

Mr. E. R. G. Weale, who prosecuted, said Mrs. Stockley had been married for two years and her husband was serving in the Royal Navy. A few months ago her husband brought her to Ramsgate, where she stayed with his parents. Some domestic friction arose and she was requested to leave the house because she spent the night with a girl friend without first telling her husband's parents. They said they would have nothing further to do with her and she left the house.

Defendant sent for her husband, said Mr. Weale, and there was some trouble between husband and wife. It had been rumoured that something was wrong and the husband said he would reconsider his attitude towards his wife.

Took Forty Tablets.

Mrs. Stockley stayed with a Mrs. Attwell at Lime Kiln-cottage and when Mrs. Attwell went out on 3rd August defendant appeared to be cheerful and happy. When Mrs. Attwell returned at 3.30 p.m. she found Mrs. Stockley very unwell. She got worse and it was found that she had taken 40 aspirin tablets. After treatment by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade she was removed to Ramsgate General Hospital, where she was detained for some days.

The reason proceedings were taken was that while in hospital Mrs. Stockley made a statement to D/S Fortescue in which she said she took 40 aspirin tablets because people would not let her alone. "They have written to my husband and told him things that are all wrong," she said. "I took the aspirin to take my life and I intend to do it again."

Continuing, Mr. Weale said that in defendant's own interests she had to be kept in custody. He understood that if the magistrates were prepared to take a certain course defendant would promise that she would not repeat her act.

Defendant told the magistrates that she was sorry for what she had done and would not do it again.

After the husband had told the magistrates that he would be prepared to accept responsibility for his wife the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that the case would be dismissed.

BIGAMY CHARGE

SOLDIER SENT FOR TRIAL

Three days after she had been "married" at Broadstairs Parish Church a young woman serving in the A.T.S. was informed that her "husband" had been married previously.

At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, the husband, Bdr. George Kenneth Gilham, R.A., aged 23, was charged with bigamously marrying Olive Wright.

During the course of the proceedings it was stated that the legal wife, who is employed in a factory, was instituting divorce proceedings against her husband and that defendant and the second "wife" had not lived together since the day following the marriage ceremony on Easter Sunday.

Gilham was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr. E. A. Morling, who prosecuted, said when defendant joined the forces on the outbreak of war his wife lived with his mother at Kingston-on-Thames. Later, owing to something which came to the wife's knowledge, their feelings towards each other cooled off, and the wife applied to the Poor Persons Committee of the Law Society for a poor person's certificate to institute divorce proceedings. The certificate had now been granted and steps would be taken to put an end to the marriage at the termination of the present proceedings. After going through a form of marriage at Broadstairs Parish Church on 25th April with Miss Olive Wright, defendant took his new "wife" home and she was told by his mother that he was already married.

Did Not Speak.

Mrs. Betty Irene Hilda Gilham, of Canbury Park-road, Kingston-on-Thames, a factory worker, said she met defendant in 1938 and they were married at Kingston Register Office on 10th April, 1939. Her husband was in the Territorial Forces on the outbreak of war and witness lived with his mother at Kingston. A child was born on 30th August, 1939. Her husband visited her when he had leave up to 1941. After that he continued to visit his mother and although witness was there and he saw her he did not speak to her.

Olive Wright, a member of the A.T.S., said early in 1942 she was posted to a camp at Hereford, where she met defendant, who was a driving instructor. They went out nearly every evening until October, 1942, when she asked him whether he was going to marry her because his unit was going overseas. He did not give her a definite answer. One Sunday in November, 1942, he proposed marriage to her and she accepted. He did not at any time tell her that he was a married man or had been divorced.

Shortly afterwards he went to Ireland and they corresponded by post. She next saw him on 19th March, 1943, on his return from Ireland. She was then stationed at Hastings and he took her to Kingston to introduce her to his mother. They stayed there one night. She did not see his wife while there.

Treated Her Well.

When accused was stationed at Broadstairs it was arranged to obtain a special license and the marriage ceremony took place at Broadstairs Parish Church on 25th April. They spent only one night together. On 28th April she saw defendant's mother in London and in consequence of what she told her, witness communicated with her commanding officer. She always found defendant a decent fellow and he had treated her well.

P/C Hollings of Clacton-on-Sea stated that on 28th May defendant attended at Clacton police station with another officer. Witness told him that from what he had heard it appeared that he had recently committed bigamy. Defendant said "I don't know about that. I heard from a lawyer that my divorce had gone through."

Witness told him that it appeared that he married an A.T.S. girl at Broadstairs and that the girl had epilepsy. He was previously married. He replied "Well, it is all mixed up and I would like the matter straightened out." He then made a statement in which he said he married a girl named Betty Farmer, of Kingston, on Easter, 1939. They did not live together for long, and owing to differences of opinion he left her at his mother's home during 1940. During the early part of 1942 he met a girl named Olive Wright and courted her for about a year and four months. He married her at Broadstairs Church in April, 1943. He did not mention his previous marriage to her or to any of her acquaintances.

Defendant was committed for trial as stated.

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THANET'S JUST CLAIMS

CAPT. BALFOUR'S POSITION

In connection with a recent meeting of Broadstairs Council, at which it was decided to ask Capt. D. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for the division, directly to represent the constituency at the meetings of the group of Members of Parliament concerned with the rehabilitation of seaside resorts after the war, the Editor has received the following letter:

Sir,—The report of the last meeting of Broadstairs Council would seem to leave the public confused as to the true position respecting Capt. Balfour.

In the first place the "committee" of M.Ps is not, in any official sense, recognised by the Government; it is merely composed of a number of Members "putting their heads together" for the purpose of trying to obtain, at some future date, certain very necessary advantages for their respective constituencies, advantages common to all of them.

As a member of the Government, Capt. Balfour is precluded from direct association with such committee of Members and the inference would seem to be drawn that Thanet's interests would suffer in consequence: that Thanet might be better off with just an ordinary Member of Parliament, rather than be represented by a man who stands high in the confidence of both the Government and the people. Is this so?

If Capt. Balfour be merely a "parochial" Member he would, with the rest of this unofficial committee, merely "feel" for a platform upon which he could base a case, and he would grope very largely in the dark.

As a member of the Government, but in close touch with the aims of the committee he is in a position to know the views of the Government and, in consequence, make suggestions, first hand, for extension or amendment.

In other words, Capt. Balfour, as a member of the Government, can and will do more than anyone else to see that the just claims of the seaside towns, scarred physically and economically by enemy action, receive every consideration at the hands of the Government.

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Thus the air assault grows daily in range and effect as many thousands of aircraft are turned out each month from the combined factories of the United Nations—about three times the number coming from the war factories of the Axis Powers. The full development of Allied air power during recent months can be gauged best by some comparison with the position a year ago.

On 17th August, 1942, the first raid on enemy-occupied territory by United States heavy bombers was made by 12 Fortresses (Boeing B-17Es) led by Gen. Ira C. Eaker. A year ago 12 Fortresses raided Amiens; now hundreds of Fortresses penetrate far into Germany to bomb with precise effect.

In August, 1942, R.A.F. Bomber Command was striking heavy blows at Germany by night. But more than 70 per cent. of the effort was directed against naval targets in support of the hard-fought Battle of the Atlantic, then at its most crucial stage. Furthermore, a large proportion of the night bombers at that time were the well-tried but relatively small two-engined Wellingtons. To-day R.A.F. Bomber Command strikes shattering blows night after night in which many hundreds of four-engined Lancasters, Halifaxes and Stirlings swamp the defences and lay a carpet of more than 2,000 tons of bombs in less than an hour. Not only that. High-speed Mosquito medium bombers have been flying far into Germany both by day and by night to bomb individual targets and to keep the defences at full stretch.

Lesson of Dieppe.

On 19th August, 1942, there was staged the epic of Dieppe. The R.A.F. gained air mastery over the beaches of Dieppe and fought the Luftwaffe out of the local air. Many valuable lessons were learned at Dieppe. They were applied with complete success during the landings in North Africa and then in Sicily. Total air mastery was set up and maintained.

The whole picture of the war is changed by the advance of air power on the Allied side. Not only more aircraft but better aircraft are pitted against the Axis. And those legions of better aircraft, most of them without an equal in the enemy's ranks, are wielded with an improved technique—with an understanding of the role of air power in modern war.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

THE TRAMP OF BALLYNURE

By

Stephen Payne

He plodded along, the old fiddle strapped on his back, over the spongy bog, with its carpet of chintzy flowers. He knew them all, not by name, for Davy was no scholar, but he knew where to look and when to expect all the different buds and blossoms.

Suddenly he emerged on to the mountain road, where little scrubby bushes were white with fragrant hawthorn.

"Hi!"

Davy pulled up sharply and looked round. It was only Sam Gallagher, busy among the turf. He climbed the grassy ditch and waved Sam an answering salute.

"Go up and see the missis!" shouted Sam.

Then he dropped his spade and came nearer. "She's not in the best o' tune," he whispered, "but she'll make you a drop o' tea, all the same."

The tramp's eyes twinkled. "An' a blue duck egg?" he queried.

Sam laughed. "An' a blue duck egg," he answered. "But watch your step! I'll follow shortly."

Sam was right—Mrs. Gallagher wasn't in good form. She rattled the buckets about and kicked the cat out of her way when Davy appeared. He stood hesitantly.

"Come in out o' that!" she cried. "An' shut that half-door!" Then, in a milder tone, she added: "A drop o' tea wouldn't come wrong, I'm thinking?"

Davy grunted his satisfaction; he had been on the tramp since sunrise.

He slung off his fiddle and sat down on the hob. The cat, an eye to "safety first," jumped on his knee.

"Give her a clout!" said Mrs. Gallagher, mollified. "Vi'let, come down out o' that!"

But Vi'let clung on with her claws, and Davy stroked her mechanically. The kettle started to sing, but Mrs. Gallagher carried it off to the scullery. Evidently some arrears of dishes had got to be dealt with.

A sunbeam stole in through the little back window, and the canary woke up with a chirp. It twisted its slim yellow head through the bars of its cage and gazed at Vi'let sideways. But Pussy wasn't to be caught. She rose, however, stretched, and yawned expansively.

Davy gazed into the heart of the fire. Strange the things he could see—faces, bridges and fairy thorns.

"Of all the darned——!"

The day dreams fled. Mrs. Gallagher dashed in. Vi'let was on the table, her head in the cream jug. With one bound she reached the door, the jug lay in pieces on the hard earthen floor.

Mrs. Gallagher was livid. She seized the whisk and swept the spilled milk and fragments into the ashpit.

"If it hadn't been a good chiney jug!" she whined. Her eyes rested on Davy, and her anger rose afresh.

"And you—sittin' there!" she cried. "What——?"

Poor Davy! If he had not heard the boss's voice at the door he would have made tracks for Cushendall.

Sam stepped in and looked round inquiringly. Vi'let's speedy exit was a bad omen, but he took the "bull by the horns."

"Here's a man looking for money," he said. "Come in, Mr. Makey!"

Mrs. Gallagher flung the brush into the corner and dusted a chair for the stranger; but he seated himself on the edge of the table and brought out cigarettes.

Sam picked one gingerly, but Davy shook his head.

"What about Mrs. Gallagher?" asked the visitor, timidly.

Mrs. Gallagher snorted her disgust.

The blue smoke rose to the ceiling, and the wag-at-the-wall ticked noisily; a tense feeling was still in the air.

"What's this?" Makey lifted the fiddle from the table. "Yours?" he said, turning to the tramp. Davy nodded.

"But man, dear!—where's the bow?"

Sam laughed. "Davy needs no bow," he said.

Makey raised his eyebrows and tuned up the instrument. Then he picked out a tune with his fingers.

"She's a 'bit of all right'!" he said. "But no good without a bow."

"What use is a bow to a man that can't play?" answered Sam.

"Eh!—what the devil!" he said, looking curiously at the huddled-up figure.

"It's businesslike," explained Sam. "Davy wants to keep on the safe side. If it wasn't for a bit of a fiddle he might be hauled up for begging and vagrancy. (Davy wriggled uneasily). But what can you say to a man trying to earn an honest penny with a fiddle?"

"Pennies black and pennies white!" piped Davy.

"I'm beginning to see," said Makey, "but sure the want of a bow gives the show away?"

"Ach!—a bow's neither here nor there! insisted Sam. "For the matter o' that, there's an old one in the loft he can have any time."

Mrs. Gallagher found her tongue. "Aye, an' maybe it's yourself——,"

"Past use!" cut in Sam.

Makey dumped the ash off his cigarette and changed the conversation, while Mrs. Gallagher lifted down a blue mug from the dresser.

Davy's eyes sparkled. It was heaped up with silver coins.

"There!—count and see if it's right," she said to Makey, as she put some money in his hand and placed the mug on the shelf again.

"O.K.! Mrs. Gallagher. If all the ladies were like you!" He signed her book and handed it back. "It's a decent burial they'd have, with motor cars galore."

Mrs. Gallagher tried to suppress a pleased smile and poked up the fire vigorously.

Just then Vi'let's head peered round the doorpost. After a careful survey her body appeared, but a well-aimed turf altered the complexion of things, and she vanished like a shot.

"A black cat's lucky!" smiled Makey.

"So they say" answered Sam, doubtfully.

"If there's any such thing!"

"Oh!—deed and there is!" said Sam. "I never like a magpie to cross my path."

"I wouldn't know one——"

"Black and white!" piped Davy. His eyes were shining.

Sam laughed. "There you are now! He knows all the birds, and there's not a rabbit or fox'll stay in a trap if Davy can help it. As for the fairies——"

"Fairies! He doesn't believe in fairies?"

"Doesn't he?" answered Sam. "An' maybe he's not far wrong. Who paints the meadows and the hedges? We call it spring—but who's behind the spring? Tell me that?"

Makey turned to Mrs. Gallagher. "He goes to church, I suppose?"

"Oh, aye!—he goes to church," she answered dryly. "Much good it does him—talkin' like that!"

Sam scratched his head.

"Isn't seeing believing?" he asked.

"They haven't come my way," said Makey.

"No—nor they won't! No city bred ever saw a fairy."

"Town or country—I've got to meet the man who has."

"No, you haven't!"

The collector looked at the tramp and shook his head doubtfully.

"Oh, it's not Davy I mean," said Sam.

"Yourself?"

Sam nodded. "In broad daylight, too! I was in Cushendall, an' my bicycle gave up, so I left it in the town and walked home. Just at the wee bridge I heard the skirl o' pipes, an' looked round, and there was the teeniest weeniest creature—all in red she was, from top to toe. I turned my head, because it's bad manners to stare, an' she passed me—aye! quicker than you or I could run—not seeming to hurry one bit. At first I took it for a chile—but yon was no chile; she was out o' sight before my senses came back."

Makey laughed. "Sure they did come back?" he asked. "No poteen?"

"Not one drop," Sam answered decidedly. "Believe me or believe me not, it was a fairy, an' the music stopped when she got round the bend."

The collector rose and stretched himself.

"Well fairies or no fairies," he said, "I've got to go up the mountain, so I'll wish you all good-day, and don't forget"—he turned at the door, a twinkle in his eye—"don't forget to give him that bow."

"If he'd mind his own business!" snapped Mrs. Gallagher.

Sam went to the sink. "What about a drop o' tea?" he said. He came back drying his hands on the towel, and whispered something in his wife's ear.

"Away out o' that!" she cried. "They're up to three-and-eleven the day."

Davy's heart sank. Pity about that wee jug!

The sound of aircraft overhead sent Sam to the door. Davy hated planes, but he followed Sam and watched this one with interest. A flock of crows flying in its silent wake made him shake with silent laughter.

"Look!" he cried, pointing. "The birds—the wild birds mockin' it!"

Sam laughed.

"Your tea's ready!" called Mrs. Gallagher.

"Right!" shouted her husband. "Come on, boy!"

Mrs. Gallagher placed a chair at the table. "Here, Davy!" she said.

She handed a cup to Sam on the sofa, and sat down on the old rocker to enjoy her own in comfort. But——

"There's many a slip, 'twixt cup and lip."

A figure passed the window.

"Declare to goodness!" she cried. "If there's not another of them inspectors! I'm sick, sore, and tired of the whole lot! At this time o' day, too."

She turned to Sam. "Away and tell them the milk's for sellin'—not keepin'."

Sam rose and placed his cup on the table. "Better get them a drop," he said. "Where's the key of the milk-house?"

"That's the third this week," grumbled his wife, "not to speak of the veterinary man. Them and their samples! A cure for 'the gapes' would suit me better!"

"They'll give you that, too," answered Sam, soothingly. "Come on, woman, and keep a civil tongue in your head, or dear knows, what sort of a report goes in."

Mrs. Gallagher pulled down her sleeves, and followed her husband out of the kitchen.

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Poor Davy!

The word "inspector" had only one meaning for him; all sorts of terrifying thoughts clustered around it.

Hunger and fatigue fled, pursued by the stronger, more compelling force—fear.

He began to tremble; already he felt himself in the grip of the law.

He crept to the door and peeped out. When the Gallaghers got back the kitchen was empty. The fiddle was gone, but the mug of tea, soda farls, and blue duck egg, still stood untouched on the white sanded table, and the uncouth figure, with its shuffling gait, was fast disappearing round the bend.

The End.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

HOSPITAL FETE

TO AID PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

A garden fete, arranged by the staff of Ramsgate General Hospital in aid of the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund, is to be held in the hospital grounds, West Cliff-road, on Thursday.

One of the highlights will be a baby show. It is open to babies between the ages of six months and two years but is limited to Ramsgate only. Entries should be made to the Matron at the hospital to-day.

There will be buffet teas, side-shows, competitions, a white elephant and a bring and buy stall.

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APPALLING HOME

SERIOUS OFFENCE ALLEGED AGAINST BOY

Appalling facts concerning the home life of a 15-year-old boy were related to the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday.

The boy is alleged to have committed a serious offence against an eight-year-old girl and, in ordering a fortnight's adjournment, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the magistrates were so concerned about reports of the youth's home conditions that in the meantime they had decided to send him to a remand home.

Mr. T. T. Cropper, prosecuting, said the boy lived with his father and stepmother. Apparently on 25th June the little girl was playing truant from school and she went with her younger brother to the home of defendant. They went to play in a recreation ground and as one of the children lost a shoe they went to inform the youth's father and stepmother. The defendant then returned to the recreation ground with the girl to find the shoe and it was then that the alleged offence occurred.

The girl, continued Mr. Cropper, told her mother about the incident and she went to see the youth, who admitted the offence. A medical examination carried out afterwards corroborated the girl's story.

Father Disgusted.

Defendant told the magistrates he had known the girl a long time and said "I am very sorry I did this. I hope I don't do it again."

The boy's father told the magistrates "I am disgusted with him altogether," but added that since the stepmother had left home the lad had behaved well. "He has been led by his stepmother," he said, "and has been told to tell lies and lies in order to hide her faults."

A report concerning the boy's home was given by Inspr. W. T. Matthews, of the N.S.P.C.C. "Since August, 1942," he said, "the home conditions have been getting worse and worse until now it is a bad house altogether. On Friday I visited the house and I think it is the filthiest home in Ramsgate. The stepmother has now left home altogether and certain things, altogether bad, have transpired about what has happened between her and the lad which she has disclosed quite voluntarily."

The inspector said the boy had been offered work at a colliery but the stepmother had been keeping him at home while she associated with another man. "She has now run away from home and has gone to live with the other man," he said. "I have appealed to this man to release her altogether and send her home. I have also appealed to her but without avail. The home environment is bad and if this lad stays there he is not going to improve."

Needs Supervision.

Mr. A. E. Bray, the Probation Officer, said he had interviewed the stepmother and the boy and found the home conditions very appalling. "What I saw on the ground floor," he said, "was as bad as ever I have seen in my experience as a probation officer. . . . I saw the mother and the children. They were all inadequately clothed and all without footwear and, with the exception of the mother, filthy dirty in the extreme. She agreed that the boy needed supervision and if removed from the home would have a chance to make good."

In reply to the magistrates, the boy said that at one place of employment he was earning £2 14s. a week but his stepmother took him away from that job in order that he could stay at home and mind the children.

Announcing that the boy would be remanded in custody until Monday week, the Chairman said the magistrates felt that he could not become a good citizen if he remained in such surroundings.

VARIETY CONCERT

AIDS PRISONERS' FUND

The large attendance at the variety concert at the Palace Theatre, Ramsgate, on Saturday, must have been very encouraging to its organiser, P/C Jordan, not only because it brought in a useful sum for the Prisoners of War Appeal Fund (County of Kent Area) but because it gave his party their big chance.

On the large stage of the theatre they were able to give of their best and the use of the scenery and lighting effects showed them off to good advantage. There was one drawback so far as the people in the rear seats and circle were concerned and that was the absence of a microphone which would have given better effect to the solo items.

Miss Marjorie Hassall, however, did not suffer by this omission for her voice carried well and with her rendering of "Indian Love Call" from "Rose Marie," supported by the supple grace of her acrobatic dancing, she was the hit of the evening.

Some delightful songs were contributed by Madame Annie Welch (soprano), already well-known to local audiences, and Mr. W. Jenkins, and their duets were popular. A good round of applause was offered Mr. Cecil Gee, a jolly comedian, who, as a "simple country curate" read some humorous specimens from his book of epitaphs. More comedy came from Mrs. Read, in the character of a daily maid, while Masters H. Thomas and R. Wilkinson, accompanied by Miss V. Williams, supplied some lively tap-dancing.

The concerted items, in particular the patriotic finale, were well done and Mr. W. H. Prothero, besides compering the show, recited a moving poem, "The Soldier's Prayer," with Dunkirk as its theme. Mr. E. Maxted, with his accordeon, led the audience in community singing.

PICTURE HOUSE RE-OPENING

To-day's announcement in our advertisement columns that Ramsgate Picture House is re-opening on Monday will be welcomed by all local filmgoers.

It is now just on three years since the after-effects of Dunkirk compelled Balexcro Theatres Ltd. to close the Picture House, and in its re-opening the directors feel that they are catering for an ever-increasing need for another cinema in the town. Balexcro will now be able to offer their public a wider range of pictures.

Miss V. Miller, who has been associated with the King's Theatre for 19 years, has been appointed manageress of the Picture House.

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SHORTHAND TYPIST BECAME TRAMP

WANTED TO SEE MARGATE

A man with 19 previous convictions, Cecil William Troke, of no fixed abode, appeared on remand at Margate police court on Wednesday on a charge of entering the defence area as a casual wayfarer.

Troke was arrested by W/R Chapman while sitting on a public seat on Marine-terrace. He did not possess an identity card, ration book or any document. He told the magistrates that he had come from Sittingbourne "just to see the place" and had lost his identity card some months ago.

C/I Fleet said defendant was born at Harrow on 1st September, 1899, and after attending a preparatory school went to Harrow County School until he was 15. He obtained employment at the Guildhall, Westminster, as a shorthand-typist and remained there until 1927 except for the period from 1917 to 1919, when he was in the Army and served in France. He resigned his position at the Guildhall as an alternative to dismissal for unpunctuality, laziness and his general conduct. In 1929 he obtained temporary employment under the London County Council as a shorthand-typist, remaining for two years, during which time his character was satisfactory. Since then he had not had any employment, having tramped London and lived in casual wards and in the open-air.

Previous Convictions.

There were 19 previous convictions against him, including four for begging and others for fraud. In January last he was sentenced to one day's imprisonment at Chatham for entering the defence area.

C/I Fleet went on to say that he had seen defendant's father and it appeared that he last saw his son about nine years ago at Harrow police court, when defendant disowned him, saying his mother and father were dead. There had been one or two occasions since then when defendant had tried to communicate with him.

When the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) suggested to defendant that he had no intention of doing any work he replied that he had been unable to get any, except casual employment.

Announcing that the case would be dismissed on the understanding that defendant left the defence area at once, the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) said "It is very unfortunate that a man of your education and ability should find yourself in this position. Why not pull yourself together and try to get a job? You served in the Army in the last war. The country is at war again, and a man with your start in life should be doing something better than tramping about the country."

"Yes," replied Troke.

BROADSTAIRS

Savings.—Saving certificates £137 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £707 made up a total of £844 invested in national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 7th August.

Dance for Prisoners.—As a result of a recent dance held at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion, Broadstairs, arranged by Mr. F. Charmick, the sum of £14 10s. has been sent to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund.

Old Comrades' Whist.—At the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel, Mr. R. Thirkettle was M.C. and Mrs. Ward distributed the prizes to Miss Jenkins, Mrs. May, Mrs. Mannering, Mr. May, Mrs. Walby, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Pointer.

Lost at Sea.—According to an official report, A/B John Harry Morgan, of the Merchant Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Morgan, of Crawford-road, Broadstairs, was not among the survivors of a vessel sunk by enemy action who were landed at an overseas port. A/B Morgan was only 19 years old and had been in the Merchant Service since April, 1940. His father is a corporal in the R.A.F.

GIFT TO THE TREASURY

BROADSTAIRS WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK THANKS

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Savings Committee it was decided to transmit to the Treasury a free gift of £80 from the balance of income over expenditure during Wings for Victory Week.

Thanks to the generosity of the public, income exceeded expenditure by £122 2s. 10d., and the balance of £42 2s. 10d. is being retained for future savings campaigns.

The committee considered a report submitted by the campaign organiser (Mr. F. H. Ward) on the results achieved during the week.

It was reported that messages of congratulations on the success of the week were received from Lord Kindersley, president of the National Savings Movement, and Mr. E. L. Bowley, Savings Commissioner for the South-Eastern Region.

The urban district had received an ivory-coloured plaque recording the achievement of winning its wings and one log book inscribed with the name of Broadstairs and St. Peter's, which would later be forwarded to the Air Ministry for details of aircraft to be inserted. All savings groups which had fixed a target had achieved their objective and had been awarded a certificate of honour. It was decided that arrangements be made for the certificates to be presented to the respective group secretaries at a public ceremony to be held at a later date.

Thanks were tendered to all those who helped to make the local effort such a success and the committee placed on record an expression of their sincere appreciation of the splendid work put in by the campaign organiser and of the assistance rendered by Miss E. Williams.

BOY'S LAPSE

BROKE INTO CLUB

A fine of 10s., with 5s. 4d. costs, was imposed by the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday on a 14-year-old boy who admitted breaking into the Ramsgate Conservative Working Men's Club and stealing a box of whist score cards and a number of correspondence cards.

C/I Butcher stated that D/C Hopper visited the club on 1st July and found the premises in a state of disorder, several automatic machines having been damaged. He later saw the boy, who said "I got in through the back window and had some cards."

In a statement the lad said he entered the premises through a window about Easter time "because I had nothing to do."

A good report concerning the boy's character was given by Mr. A. E. Bray, the Probation Officer, and the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the magistrates had decided to treat the boy as though he had just made a lapse. "We don't think you are really a bad lad," he said, "and we hope you do not come before us again."

HONESS' SEVEN WICKETS

Brilliant bowling by P/C Honess, of Ramsgate division, who took 7 wickets for 18 runs, was mainly responsible for the victory of No. 4 District, Kent County Constabulary, over No 3 District at The Buffs Depot ground, Canterbury.

No. 4 District declared with 151 runs for the loss of 8 wickets, to which Honess contributed 25, and then dismissed No. 3 District for 47 runs.

P/S Goatman and P/C Honey, of Ramsgate, were also in No. 4 District side.

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WOMAN'S CLAIM FAILS

"This is a case which should never have been brought. . . . There is no discredit on the police. The only discredit is on the plaintiff for bringing the action."

These words were used by his Honour Judge Clements at Ramsgate County Court on Wednesday in a case in which Mrs. Rose L. Aves, of 58 King-street, Ramsgate, claimed £10 damages for trespass from four members of the Ramsgate division of the Kent County Constabulary.

The defendants were P/S Buddle, P/C Coughlan and W/Rs Thornton and Lawrence.

Plaintiff conducted her case in person and the defendants were represented by Mr. E. R. G. Weale.

Following a long hearing his Honour gave judgment for defendants with costs.

Plaintiff said she was in the habit of sleeping in the tunnel shelter and on the morning of 2nd June her brother-in-law, who also lived at 58 King-street, returned to tell her that during the night someone had broken into the house. When she arrived at the house soon after 6 a.m. she found the police outside. As she entered the house she knew that her daughter had been home as a frock was missing from the line.

Missing For a Week.

Witness said her daughter, who was 15 years of age, had broken away from a school at Tunbridge Wells. She said to P/S Buddle, one of the officers at the house, "I will go upstairs and see if she has taken her sweets." P/S Buddle followed her into the house, said he had been all over it, had pulled down the blackout, had pulled her bed upside down, and that her daughter was not on the premises. P/S Buddle knew that her daughter had been missing from the school for a week.

Mrs. Aves said she searched the premises and told the police officers what was missing. P/S Buddle said "Shall I make a case of this?" and she replied "No, but I will make a case of the police entering my house."

Two rings were missing from the house and she concluded that her daughter had taken them.

In reply to his Honour, Mrs. Aves said she did not protest against the police entering the house but later the same morning went to the police station and saw Inspr. Butcher to get the names of the officers concerned.

Very Annoyed.

Replying to Mr. Weale, Mrs. Aves said her daughter was at an approved school.

Mr. Weale: Is it not a fact that you have a grievance against the police because your daughter is in an approved school, against the magistrates who sent her there, and against the Mayor?

Witness: No. The police were taking a liberty.

Have you not been very annoyed with the police because your daughter was sent to an approved school?—Yes, they should have put the case in a proper manner.

Have you not also been very angry with the magistrates who dealt with the case?—Yes, because they were not just.

In further reply to Mr. Weale, witness said she had slept in the tunnel most nights for the past two years and if her daughter Betty had wanted to find her at night she would not have had to break into the house. When she returned to the house on the morning of 2nd June she found a window at the back had been broken and a catch on the door forced. Her brother-in-law, Alfred Aves, lived with them at the house and informed the police that it had been broken into. She found that two rings, one value £13 or £14 and the other value about 30s., were missing. Betty had no right to take the rings but she did not steal them as she did not sell them.

Why Police Were There.

Witness agreed with his Honour that the police visited the house with the intention of finding out who had broken in. She thought they had no business to go upstairs before she arrived.

His Honour: What do you think the police were there for?

Witness: They should have fetched the plain clothes gentlemen. I thought that was the law. I did not want a house full of police.

Mrs. Aves agreed that she wrote a letter to the Chief Constable of Kent in which she asked to know why she was not entitled to summon the police of Ramsgate. In the letter she said "It seems the police are allowed to do as they like. The police have neglected their duty and you know it. My child never had a fair deal. All in the road were in the swing and my child got the blame. Some police you have got in Ramsgate. They should be in front line."

Witness agreed, in further reply to Mr. Weale, that only P/S Buddle and P/C Coughlan actually entered the house, but she was told by her solicitor that she had got to summon four or none.

W/R Lawrence said he was patrolling King-street at 5.20 a.m. on 2nd June when Alfred Aves, plaintiff's brother-in-law, told him that 58 King-street had been broken into during the night. He said "Come inside and see where they have busted the window." Aves led witness into the house and showed him the damaged window. He asked witness to remain while he fetched his brother and sister-in-law, and witness waited outside the house. Later P/C Coughlan arrived and witness left.

Heard No Objection.

W/R Thornton said he examined 58 King-street on the evening of 1st June and found the premises secure. At 5.30 the following morning he saw W/R Lawrence outside. Witness went down the side passage and found the back gate was open. He saw the window had been broken but did not enter the house. Returning to the front of the house he saw Mr. and Mrs. Aves and P/S Buddle and P/C Coughlan entering but he did not hear any objection from Mrs. Aves.

P/C Coughlan said when he arrived at 58 King-street W/Rs Lawrence and Thornton were outside. Shortly after Alfred Aves arrived and P/S Buddle came almost simultaneously. With Aves they went into the kitchen and searched other parts of the house. Aves made no objection. When Mrs. Aves arrived she said "It's my Betty. If her chocolate is gone it's her." Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Aves showed any resentment at them being on the premises. Mrs. Aves assisted them in their search. She took a roll of bank notes from a drawer and allowed them to count them to see they were intact.

P/S Buddle, giving corroborative evidence, said on a wall at the rear of the house he found a pair of canvas Army slippers. He asked Alfred Aves if he had searched the premises and he said he had had a look round. He asked Aves to accompany them round to see if there was anyone there and he did so. Aves led the way upstairs and they looked under beds and in cupboards. When Mr. and Mrs. Aves arrived he asked them to have a look round as he was under the impression someone might have been on the premises. Mrs. Aves said "I bet my Betty has been here. If her chocolate has gone it's her."

£110 in Notes.

Continuing, witness said Mrs. Aves opened a drawer and finding no chocolate said "It's her." Mrs. Aves then opened a drawer which had been forced and taking out a handbag said "I hope my boy's money is all right." She pulled out a roll of £1 notes and said there should have been £110. They counted the money in Mrs. Aves' presence and it was correct. He advised her strongly not to keep such a large sum of money in the house. She said "If they knew it was there they would stop my son's allowance." She said she was saving the money for her son's wedding.

The officer denied that he ever said to Mrs. Aves "Do you want to make a case of this?" and she made no suggestion that she had a case against the police. At no time did Mrs. Aves show any resentment against the police for being on the premises.

Inspr. Fittall said he visited 58 King-street at 6.30 a.m. on the morning of 2nd June and Mrs. Aves then made no complaint about the police officers. She was very agitated and said "You find my Betty and you will find my rings."

C/I Butcher said the first time he saw Mrs. Aves after the house was broken into was on 24th June.

Addressing his Honour, Mr. Weale said the law on the subject was not at all clear. When a police officer had not a warrant to enter premises, as in the present case, he was entitled to enter only by permission of the occupier or by his invitation expressed or implied. He contended that in the case before the court there was an implied invitation.

Serious Allegation.

Summing up, his Honour said the case had taken an unconscionable time but a serious allegation had been made against the police of the town. Mrs. Aves had slept in the tunnel shelter for the past two years, which was an extraordinary proceeding. She left the house and the only guard had been the police, who did not sleep down the tunnels. He had no doubt that it was the daughter who broke into the house and Alfred Aves invited the police in when he found the premises had been broken into. When Mrs. Aves arrived she found the police there and assisted in the search. She raised no objection whatever.

"I do not accept Mrs. Aves' evidence where it is in conflict with that of the police," said his Honour. "I do not believe she ever said 'I think I have a case against you for coming in.' The evidence given by the police is, in my judgment, in every particular true. Although there was no direct invitation by Mrs. Aves there was an invitation by Alfred Aves. He had a perfect right to give that invitation and the police a perfect right to accept it. This case should never have been brought. The police never did anything about which Mrs. Aves had any reason to complain. She should be obliged to the police for watching her property while she was sleeping in the tunnel. There is no discredit on the police. The only discredit is on the plaintiff for bringing this case. There will be judgment for defendants with costs."

HAPPIDROME

VARIETY JUBILEE AT KING'S

From stage to radio, from radio to stage, and now to films. Such is the joint career of Harry Korris, Robbie Vincent and Cecil Frederick who play "Lovejoy," "Enoch" and "Ramsbottom" in the film version of the famous B.B.C. production "Happidrome," which is being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Not only does the film retain the popular features of its radio production such as Enoch's oft-repeated "Let me tell you" and the signature tune "We Three," but there are four brand new musical numbers as well. The hilarious trio continue their riotous adventures and as usual run into plenty of trouble. The latest film in Columbia's popular "Blondie" series, "Troubles Through Billets," starring Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake, is the supporting picture.

A wealth of entertainment awaits you in "Variety Jubilee," the main presentation on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This film tells an appealing story of great dramatic intensity and, at the same time, introduces fifty years of music hall history in which many stage idols either play or are represented. George Robey is seen at his best and Charles Coborn renders the never-to-be-forgotten "Man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo," while Marie Lloyd, junr., impersonates her talented mother. Among many others the parts of Eugene Stratton, Gus Elen and Florrie Forde, are played by well known artistes and the film is further enlivened by the music of the Coldstream Guards Band. The second feature is "Once Upon a Thursday," a delightful comedy romance starring Marsha Hunt and Richard Carlson.

TOWARDS DICTATORSHIP

COUNCIL'S STRONG PROTEST

The rising tide of feeling against the tendency of the Government to strip local authorities of their powers was forcibly expressed at the August meeting of Margate Town Council.

The Council supported a resolution passed by the Education Committee protesting against the proposal in the Government White Paper on Education to abolish Part III education authorities without an impartial enquiry into the question of what constitutes an effective unit of educational administration and viewing with misgiving the policy of the Government of stripping local authorities of their functions one by one.

Alderman W. C. Redman, chairman of the Education Committee, said that if the proposals contained in the Paper became law the whole eduactional system would be recast and as an educational authority the Council would go out of existence.

"So far as that is concerned it does not matter a bit," said Alderman Redman, "because what we are after is the education of the child, not the retention of any particular authority. But the one thing we do gravely object to is the stripping from local people of all essential interests in education. In other words, the Paper suggests that all authority shall come from under Part II authorities—that is county—and that all local authorities shall have nothing whatever to do with the executive side of education, except in the form of a district committee which will have little or no power."

Cyphers and Puppets.

Most of them, he went on, had known for some years that local education authorities, known as Part III authorities, would cease to exist, but they always envisaged that they would be amalgamated with some of their neighbours to form a unit of educational administration which would permit of the same interest being taken locally as in the past by Part III authorities. The Education Committee regarded that as an important factor. It was all very well for the Government to say "We wish to give you something to do which will maintain your local interest in the matter of education," but if they stripped the local authorities of their powers it would be difficult to maintain any local interest, because the public would be just cyphers and puppets. The White Paper foreshadowed a Bill which would strip all local authorities of such responsibility and that was where they fell foul of it.

The White Paper, said Alderman Redman, contained proposals for something which educationists had advocated for many years. At present the children were divided into three sections—infants from five to seven years, juniors from seven to eleven, and seniors after that age, when they went to a senior school, a modern school or a secondary school, while some went a little later to a technical school.

Snobbish Difference.

"Unfortunately for the child," said the alderman, "and also for the parents, there has grown up a kind of snobbish difference between the secondary schools, technical schools, modern schools and senior schools. The youngsters who at the age of eleven pass some examination are entitled to go to a secondary school, and there is always a feeling that with those who are left behind there is something inferior. That is entirely wrong and ought never to have been. The White Paper seeks to do away with that. All education after the age of eleven will be secondary, and the child will be directed, with the help of the parents, into the channel for which he or she is best fitted. We, as an authority and as individuals, are not free of blame in that respect. We have been inclined to look upon the person who has an academic mind—the youngster gifted in figures and languages or other academic subject—as being superior to the youngster who wants, for instance, to go on the farm. Yet skill at farming is just as essential, perhaps more so, than skill at figures or languages. The White Paper will make a genuine attempt to sweep that away. How far it will be successful will depend entirely on mutual goodwill. It will be difficult, but it will be well worth while."

County Council "Grab."

Alderman A. G. Hine was inclined to the view that it would be far better in the children's interests that the local education authority should retain autonomy under the new scheme. He had not heard, he said, that such schools as Marlborough, Eton and Harrow would cease to exist as separate units, and therefore if they retained their rights for the future education of those who could afford that type of school, it was only right that authorities like Margate should retain their autonomy. He considered that county councils should be eliminated rather than gain more power. They were always seeking to grab some form of control over local affairs, and he was afraid that in the end all interest in local government would be lost.

Councillor S. W. Paul, an ex-schoolmaster, said he particularly admired the emphasis placed on technical training, for in the past the scholarship examination had eliminated from further progress all those who worked with their hands. A hallmark had been set on those who worked through the aid of books and not on the actual craftsman. Now the boys who had been called duffers, simply because they had not had the right kind of education, would be given a chance.

Councillor Paul deprecated the abolition of education committees and said it seemed that progressive authorities like Margate were being discouraged rather than encouraged by the Government.

"I cannot see in the present circumstances," he concluded, "that we shall make progress, although we have the framework for it in the White Paper, because all the interest in education will be cut out and placed in the hands of authorities who, in many instances, do not care."

Dictatorship.

Councillor W. Curtis protested against the tendency towards dictatorship in local government. The proposed removal of educational powers from the Council, he said, was but one of the many such schemes being brought forward in the country to take over authority in local government. For nearly two years he had advocated in the Council chamber that they should not only voice a protest but take the public into their confidence. It was time a move was started for councils and ratepayers to begin to look round to see what was happening before it was too late. There had been interference with the police administration and now it was extending to education. There was no doubt, as they had been told, that there would be interference so far as local government generally was concerned, with the result that ultimately the county would be under the dictation of permanent officials.

"It is time the public woke up to the fact that they are being shackled," went on Councillor Curtis, "and that all their forefathers fought for for generations is now being taken away from them. Otherwise, when the war is over, instead of being a freer nation we shall be a nation shackled as much as the enemy we set out to fight. If we do not wake up to what is happening we shall find we are a nation under the dictatorship of regional commissioners."

The burgesses' rights, said Councillor S. W. Pearce, were being taken away and handed over to officials. Examples of that had been seen in the regional control which had been exercised during the past four years. He described it as democratic bureaucracy, and he thought it was time the local councils sent a deputation to Parliament to tell them what the people wanted.

Alderman F. L. Pettman warned the Council not to accept the offer to form district committees as a sop for losing their powers. He had served on a district committee in regard to secondary education and had found that there was not the same atmosphere or personal interest as on local education committees. "The district committee is a wash-out so far as we are concerned locally and the interest they take in our children and their parents," he said.

John Bull's daughters

Diana
drives the tractor
Phyllis
milks the cows
Mary hoes the turnips—
John Bull stands amazed !
Bless my soul !
Maidens in breeches !
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for the pretty dears.
But the pretty dears
can't stop to explain.
They're busy.
The green fields of
England
must be ploughed ;
the seed must be sown.
From dawn to dusk
in byre and dairy
and on the far
ten acre field,
the land girls,
suntanned, and blown
by the free winds,
tend and husband
the generous acres
of this free land . . .
The red heavy corn
rustles in the light,
the stooks multiply . . .
Food for the workers,
food for the fighters,
munitions for the table
victuals for Victory !
John Bull,
all doubts forgot,
straightens his back.
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he says.
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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

On one of the highest points in Ramsgate, a spot facing Nelson-crescent, the town's first war trophy has been placed. It seems fitting that our town should retain this particular piece of artillery, a gun of heavy calibre which was captured by some gallant men of our land. There is a history concerning its capture which which will be handed down to future generations with national pride. Near the gun is one of the shells fired from it.

Spr. A. V. Hewitt, R.E., an old boy of Ramsgate County School, writing from Basra, says the weather during May and June was absolutely "it." The temperature had not risen above 100 in the shade and that was considered cool for the district. He refers to the proposal to dam the Euphrates and the Tigris and says that if the scheme is successful the area is likely to rank among the greatest cereal growing belts in the world.

Pte. Reginald V. Pay, the solo tenor of St. George's Church, Ramsgate, now of the railhead Supply Detachment, A.S.C., is home on leave after fifteen months service in France. He has been doing duty at several points on the line from Dunkirk to Noyon at which place he was at the time of the German offensive in March.

Sig. W. G. Burton, Royal Fusiliers, a well-known Ramsgate footballer, has been badly wounded in the right leg while serving in France. He was apparently taking part in the great offensive.

In view of the serious shortage of fruit for jam it is anticipated that the children of the country will do their share in conserving the blackberry crop. Blackberrying will commence early in September and at the suggestion of the Thanet Advertiser the Mayor and Mayoress have arranged to make a strong endeavour to gather the berries in the surrounding district.

Tpr. E. F. Drayson, East Kent Yeomanry, who has been abroad on service for three years, returned to Ramsgate on leave this week. Recently he was moved from the East to France and comes home straight from the zone where the fighting has been fiercest. He is a son of the steward of the Ramsgate Club.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

KENT BEAT AUSTRALIANS

The victory of Kent over the Australians at Canterbury on Wednesday is another proof, if proof be needed, of the glorious uncertainty of cricket. The victory was in every respect a sensational one. As the Colonials had made 229 in their first innings and required only 97 to win when they commenced their second innings on Tuesday night it looked as though they would win easily but on Wednesday they failed to knock up more than 60 runs and the hop county were left the victors by 36 runs.

War Damage Repairs

COURT CLAIM FAILS

A case of great public interest was heard at Ramsgate County Court on Wednesday when a local firm of builders brought a claim against a member of the Civil Defence services in respect of repair work carried out at 4 Artillery-hill, Ramsgate.

F. J. Pike (Ramsgate) Ltd. claimed the sum of £56 2s. 7d. from George Bland, of Wellington-crescent, for work done and materials supplied by them for defendant at his request.

Mr. B. H. Waddy (instructed by Mr. T. Hoppit) appeared for plaintiffs and said that his case was that defendant instructed his clients by letter to undertake war damage repairs at 4 Artillery-hill. On several occasions subsequently he gave instructions for further work to be done on the premises.

Plaintiffs later delivered a claim for £76 2s. 7d. to the War Damage Commissioners for the repairs carried out and the amount received from the Commissioners was £20. His clients therefore claimed from defendant the difference amounting to £56 2s. 7d.

Mr. G. H. Edwards (for Mr. W. A. Leach-Lewis), representing defendant, said the defence was a denial of indebtedness to plaintiffs. After being approached on behalf of plaintiffs his client wrote to them asking them to undertake war damage repairs on the understanding that the cost would be paid direct from the War Damage Commission to plaintiffs. A reply was received stating that plaintiffs would carry out the repairs on the condition stated.

His Honour Judge Clements, giving judgment for defendant, said he was quite satisfied that Mr. Bland was not liable for any amount above that recovered from the War Damage Commissioners.

CARING FOR OUR FARM WEAPONS

We are in the midst of a great harvest. Without the enormous increase in the mechanisation of our farming during the last four years, a harvest of such magnitude would not have been possible. Do we always realise the effort and cost of providing all that machinery, labour, materials and money—here and in the United States, Canada and Australia? We must see to it that we do not waste any of the fruits of that toil and sweat by failure to take care of our farm machines or use them to the full.

Set to do a long and strenuous job—year in, year out—machinery can only do it if properly cared for. That means regular inspection and overhaul, with prompt attention to any fault, however small it may appear at first sight. Time and money spent in keeping constant watch on the working of every farm machine will be well rewarded. It will save those breakdowns in the field that may mean disaster—the loss of precious hours of favourable weather, on the full use of which depend the farmer's crops and the nation's food.

Timely repairs to fast-wearing parts will lessen the need for spares, so saving them—and new machinery, too—for those urgent, essential replacements necessitated by long, hard work. We cannot afford to supply a spare part or a new machine to those who, with a little more attention to maintenance and more timely repair, could get a lot more work out of their existing machines.

Farm implements are weapons of war; they must be kept in good trim and repair. Tractor fuel is a munition of war; every drop must be used to good advantage.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

MONTY WOOLLEY AT ODEON

Programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week cater for a variety of tastes.

The film adaptation of Emlyn Williams' famous stage play, "Light of Heart," which is being screened today and to-morrow, presents Monty Woolley, and Ida Lupino in a story rich with humour and tender with the tears and touching courage of a woman who finds love and fights to hold it. Monty Woolley, grander and gruffer than ever, is the gay, irresistible, insufferable, yet loveable old reprobate and one-time great stage personality whom fate and drink have caused to topple from the highest pinnacle of success. Blandly he drifts majestically through the film, letting down his friends and almost wrecking the romance of his daughter, played by Ida Lupino. William Gargan also appears in the programme in "Destination Unknown."

Newest of the Edgar Rice Burroughs novels to be screened "Tarzan and the Green Goddess" is the attractive offering for the latter part of the week. Unlike previous Tarzan pictures this film takes its audience on an adventure into the dark jungles of Guatemala, where much of the action was filmed by a large expeditionary party. Here against a mysterious and fascinating background of scenic grandeur, native music, strange rites and primeval perils, the spine-tingling action is unfolded. Bruce Bennett, a superb athlete, plays Tarzan and rescues the herione (Ula Holt) from hordes of jungle savages. Ethel Revnell and Gracie West star in "The Balloon Goes Up," which will also be shown.

THE FOOD FRONT

SOMETHING FOR THE BISCUIT TIN

Biscuits have long been one of our national institutions, but at no time more popular than they are to-day. They fill so many useful corners in the carried meals of war-workers and schoolchildren, there is small wonder that there are not enough in the shops to meet the demand.

For this reason you may be glad of these easy recipes to make some at home.

Remember you can save time and fuel if you serve biscuits with our present abundant fruit, instead of stopping to make pastry for pies.

Ginger Biscuits.

2 tablespoonsful of syrup or
2ozs. of sugar
2ozs. of margarine
8ozs. of flour
2 teaspoonsful of ground ginger
Lemon Substitute
½ teaspoonful of mixed spice
1 teaspoonful of bi-carbonate of soda.

Melt the syrup or sugar and margarine in a saucepan. Pour it into a bowl. Add some of the flour, spice and lemon substitute. Dissolve the bi-carbonate of soda in a tablespoonful of tepid water and add. Continue stirring and gradually put in more flour. Turn the mixture out on a well floured board and knead in the rest of the flour. Roll out and cut into shapes. Cook in a hot oven for 5 to 7 minutes.

Chocolate Biscuits.

2ozs. of fat
8ozs. of flour
2ozs. of sugar
2ozs. of grated raw potato
3ozs. of cocoa
1 teaspoonful of vanilla essence
Pinch of salt
Household milk to mix.

Rub the fat into the flour and salt. Add the sugar, cocoa, potato and flavouring. Mix to a dry dough with milk. Roll out thinly, cut into shapes. Bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes.

Honey Biscuits.

2½ozs. of margarine
1oz. of sugar
2 tablespoonsful of honey
Pinch of salt
1 egg reconstituted
6ozs. of self-raising flour
1 level tablespoonful of cinnamon (if you have it).

Cream the margarine and sugar. Beat in the honey and egg. Work in the flour, salt and cinnamon. Roll out into a long roll with the hands, cut into small pieces. Place on a slightly greased baking tin and bake in a moderately hot oven for 10 minutes.

Savoury Oatmeal Biscuits.

6ozs. of medium oatmeal
1oz. of melted margarine
½ teaspoonful of salt
1 teaspoonful of vegetable extract
Boiling water.

Mix together the oatmeal and salt. Stir in the margarine. Dissolve the vegetable extract in 2 tablespoonsful of boiling water. Stir into the oatmeal, add more boiling water if necessary to make a stiff paste.

Knead well, roll out thinly, cut into rounds and bake for 15 minutes in a quick oven.

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BROADSTAIRS HOLIDAY WEEK

OVER £300 FOR MERCHANT NAVY

The holiday-at-home events held throughout last week in Broadstairs and St. Peter's raised between £300 and £400 for the Merchant Navy Comforts Fund.

Second big effort made by the Brighter Broadstairs League to revive social life in the town, the week was a far greater success than even its energetic organisers had anticipated. All events were timed for and whether they wanted boxing, a beauty contest, concerts, a fete, military band music, a play or whilst, everybody could enjoy themselves.

Thriller at Pavilion.

Produced by Mr. Meredith, Gordon Harker's thriller "The Phantom Light" was performed by the Broadstairs Players at the Pavilion on Thursday. Mr. Meredith played the part of Sam Shipton, the role originally taken by Gordon Harker, and the other characters were represented by Miss M'Murphy, Mr. Wm. Chatwin, Mr. P. Shelvey, Mrs. K. Oak-Rhind, Mr. A. Heranath, Mr. P. Jeffery, Mr. Bowyer, Mr. J. Wood, Miss Nancy V. Ogilvie, Miss M. Gilham, and Mr. T. Davis.

Large crowds of children attended a special performance of "Swiss Family Robinson" at the Picture House on Friday and on the following day there were about 1,000 entries for the treasure hunt. The set of clues led all over Broadstairs to a bottle of whisky won by Mrs. Davis, of Northdown-road, St. Peter's.

In a cricket match at Stone House on Saturday afternoon a Royal Artillery team beat the South Wales Borderers by eight wickets.

The final event of the week was a military dance at the Pavilion, attended by a record crowd. As a souvenir of the week the beauty queen (Miss Beryl Makeham) was presented at the event with an inscribed bangle. Miss Jean Gore, first maid of honour, with a garnet necklace and Miss Jean Angus, second attendant, with a ring. Councillor H. Humphrey (Chairman of Broadstairs Council) and Mrs. Noble were present at the dance and Councillor H. Humphrey presented a vote of thanks to Mr. F. B. Salt, the organising secretary, for his work.

Seconding this, Mr. Meredith presented Mr. Salt with a riding whip.

Uncle Mack Returns.

Broadstairs' veteran black-cork artiste, Uncle Mack, was cheered to the echo by crowds of children—and adults too—when he returned to the town to give the star turn at a matinee concert held in the Pavilion-on-the-Sands Pavilion on Tuesday.

The supremely popular minstrel, who was introduced by Mr. Salt, had a few words to say to his old friends before he led the children in community singing as he did on the Broadstairs sands in peace-time. "Soon, probably this time next year," he said, "I hope to be back on these sands once again."

The programme included a talent competition for the children, and the piano-playing class was won by Cynthia Bowers, who played "Concerto for Two." Peggy Hamblin came second, and Jean Dorey third. Lorna Berry, Eva Croom and Audrey Noble were first, second and third respectively in the vocal section, and Leslie Sarjeant won the recitation competition, with Laura Stewart and Audrey Croom second and third.

A Punch and Judy show given by Mr. Clive Smith, of Margate, was much enjoyed by the youngsters, and besides selections by the Broadstairs band of pupils of Haddon Dene School presented scenes from Shakespeare and a physical training display.

The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the afternoon a success.

During the evening another concert was given at the Pavilion, this time by the "Proud Lions Follies," from Herne Bay, under the leadership of Councillor C. J. Sanderock. The party, formed early in the war to entertain troops, had Mr. Ben Payne as their guest artiste.

Miss Doris Hare, famous hostess in the radio programme "Shipmates Ashore," wrote wishing Broadstairs the best of luck for the week's events, and regretting that she could not attend the concert owing to another engagement.

The dance at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street, the same evening, was attended by the Mercantile Navy Week Queen and her maids of honour. Mr. Meredith was M.C., music was by a military band and dancing included many novelty dances and competitions.

Service Boxing.

There was some spirited boxing at an inter-services tournament at the Pavilion on Wednesday.

Chief interest centred in the contest in which Pte. McCarthy, Southern Command lightweight champion 1942, defeated Cpl. Flowerdi, lightweight champion of India 1937.

Other results were:

Cpl. Hyde beat Gnr. Macias; Sig. Bestwick beat Pte. Hooper; Pte. Kirkham beat Pte. Vickers; Sgt. Palmer beat Sgt. Insell; Pte. Bell beat Pte. Weedy; Cpl. Heard beat Cpl. Needhurst; Pte. Klupper beat Pte. Pendrick; Cpl. Bell beat Sgt. Dobbs; L/Cpl. Windos beat Sgt. Flynn.

Capt. E. C. Tyler was referee.

St. Peter's Fete.

Hundreds of people, including visitors from other parts of Thanet, enjoyed an afternoon of fun at the fete at St. Peter's recreation ground on Thursday.

The outstanding event was a dog show in which many breeds were entered. Much amusement was caused by the black greyhound owned by D/C Sell, of Broadstairs Police, which, after winning the class for the dog with the longest tail, led his owner's 20-month-old daughter Maureen round the arena in the children's competition.

Having cast their critical eyes over the dogs, the onlookers were treated to a thrilling demonstration of donkey-riding by the Merchant Navy Week Queen and her attendants. Miss Makeham's mount was somewhat troublesome and the incident developed into a donkey rodeo, much to the delight of the crowd and the discomfort of the "jockeys."

While the band of The Buffs, appearing by permission of Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilson, C.B.E., played lively music in the centre of the arena, children had a gay time riding on the donkeys and watching the antics of Punch and Judy, presented by Mr. C. Smith, of Margate.

On another part of the ground the horticultural show provided a bright display and Councillor Humphrey spent a busy time auctioning the produce, which included many varieties of vegetables and fruit as well as seasonable specimens from the garden. The prize in the quality class went to Mr. G. Bunyard for a fine variety and display to Mr. F. C. Green.

An impressive spectacle at the end of the afternoon was the ceremony of the retreat by the drums of the South Wales Borderers, by permission of Lt.-Col. J. L. Jeffreys.

Dog Show Winners.

The successful owners in the dog show, judged by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Goreland, were as follows:

Best condition—1, Miss Judy Law, Thanet, Callis Court-road, Broadstairs (golden cocker spaniel); 2, Miss Stead, 65 Albion-road, St. Peter's (Pekingese).

Happiest—Mrs. Goldsmith, 6 Hollicondane-terrace, Ramsgate.

Gloomiest—Mrs. Edwards, 43 St. George's-road, Broadstairs.

Longest tail—Mrs. Self, 20 Mayville-road, St. Peter's (19ins.). Shortest—Miss Betty Saxby, Buxbury, Cecilia-grove, St. Peter's (2ins.).

Best entered by child—1, Maureen Self, 20 Mayville-road, St. Peter's, and Peter Taft, 10 Westover-road, St. Peter's; 2, Sylvia Hill, 1 Laurel-cottages, Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs; 3, Deanna Page, 20 Victoria-road, Ramsgate.

The organisation of the fete was directed by Mr. Salt and Mr. Meredith, and Mr. B. J. Brown was in charge of the children's events, while Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Byrne, Miss Byrne and Mrs. Moss, four members of the W.V.S. Rest Centre, ran the refreshment canteen. The treasure hunt competition was run by Mr. D. Mullins and Mr. V. Price.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS APPEAL

Sir,—We thank with great sincerity our many friends who have helped us to have raised more than £2,000 during the war for our proposed and much-needed extensions to Ramsgate Hospital.

The arrival of the total at £11,000 coincides with the receipt of the report from visiting members of the Hospital General Committee as to the condition of our existing wards for the casualty and out-patient departments. Just one words describes it—congestion. It is simply not possible, under existing conditions for the nurses and unfair to the do-tors. The facts have been stated publicly time and again. Not until there, is a great response from the local public to the appeal can there be a remedy.

Temporary experiments have been suggested, none of which would provide the relief desired. We have set back the record of progress in our hospital's extensions. The end of which does not seem so far off as once it appeared to be. During the war our efforts have been bent mainly for sufferers and victims the world over. Let us now forward the aim of our own hospital to be a model of its kind. If overcrowding in the casualty and out-patient departments exists now, it will be doubly so when our population is normal again.

We therefore seek with confidence a continuance of your influence to help us still in our task by publishing this letter, the purpose of which is to ask that those forces which have been so fine in aiding the war charities may be continued after the war in the service of our great institution.

C. S. J. TAYLOR,
Chairman

Ramsgate General Hospital Extensions Appeal Committee.

TIM JONES

DEATH OF FORMER THANET LICENSEE

His many friends in Ramsgate and Margate will learn with regret of the death, which took place on Tuesday morning, of Mr. F. G. Jones, a well-known licensee in Thanet.

Mr. Jones, popularly known as "Tim," came to Ramsgate about 11 years ago and took the license of the Foy Boat Hotel. He showed a keen interest in the Isle of Thanet Licensed Retailers' Protection Society and served on the committee for some time. His wife worked energetically as secretary of the women's auxiliary of the organisation.

After some years Mr. and Mrs. Jones moved to Margate, where they acquired the license of the Queen's Head.

Eighteen months ago Mr. Jones was taken seriously ill and went to Bramley, near Guildford, the home of his parents. Mrs. Jones remained at the Queen's Head for a short time after his departure but later left the district.

"Tim's" loss will be mourned by local anglers, among whom he was very popular.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

A Vital Service

Ramsgate has always been proud of its ambulancemen. In peace-time they carried out their vital work with the efficiency for which the St. John Ambulance Brigade is famous the world over. Their work at Dunkirk time will never be forgotten, and through all the difficulties of wartime they are continuing that loyal service. Their handicaps are many and perhaps the chief of these is the way that the calls of the forces have depleted their numbers. Experience which men and youths have acquired by their membership of the Town Division, however, has fitted them for service in a wider field and this move of them appearing in this week's feature is a tribute in itself to their work. In addition to the paragraphs which follow information about other local ambulancemen in the forces has appeared from time to time in our columns.

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Commission in R.E.M.E.

Walter Norris, elder son of the cadet superintendent, whose home is at 18 Stirling-road, has received a commission as second-lieutenant in the R.E.M.E., and he is a radio maintenance officer at an "ack-ack" school.

From St. George's Central School, Walter went to Chatham House and then, by a state bursary, to Keble College, Oxford, where, until entering the R.E.M.E. at Blackpool, he was studying science and mathematics. His ambition is to be a science master.

Walter was a cadet corporal when the junior ambulance corps was formed at Ramsgate.

His uncle, Mr. Richard Norris, associated with the Ramsgate Town Division since 1938, is now in Rosa-seasonable specimens from the garden. The prize in the quality class went to Mr. G. Bunyard for a fine variety and display to Mr. F. C. Green.

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Going Native

A soldier of peace and war-time is Sgt. J. K. Watcham, of 9 Rosebery-avenue, since October, 1941, has been in the Middle East with the Royal Engineers. "It's a mighty queer war at times out here," he writes to his wife, "but it seems a pretty healthy life."

After his experience as a dispatch rider, Ken finds his present office work somewhat boring. "On some of the moves," he says, "I managed to see a bit of driving, sharing the navigation with a pal of mine. We enjoyed ourselves while it lasted and I wish I was back at Tobruk 'bang ing over the bumps.'"

"I know it's easy to get browned off, particularly on the desert, where the atmosphere, with its flies and dirt, its lack of water and sand, is sufficient in itself to make a man crass, but in my saner moments I nearly succeed in convincing myself that it is inevitable that some of us have to do jobs rather outside the sphere of our enthusiasm.

"Now I seem to be quite an exile. Another year or so and I shall go native—live in a hole in the ground, smoke a hookah, go dirty and worship Allah. I might even grow accustomed to the fragrance of camels and the local brand of sheep."

Sgt. Watcham joined The Buffs as a bugler boy in 1936 and served with the regular force the following year and afterwards had seven years in India with the Royal Engineers, leaving his return to this country he was employed in the officers' mess at Manston and was a cricketer and footballer, a time a plumber at the Ramsgate gas works. In June, 1939, he was transferred to The Buffs' Reserve but on the outbreak of war he was transferred to the Royal Engineers and served in France and Belgium, 1939, until just after Dunkirk time.

Hospital Orderly

Pte. Chris Champs, brother of Ken's wife, is another well-known Ramsgate ambulanceman. Chris, who was employed in peace-time as a window-cleaner, joined the R.A.M.C. in September, 1939, and he is now an orderly in a hospital.

Mrs. Watcham's friend, Mrs. Packman, of 34 St. Peter's-road, is the wife of Dvr. George Packman, who drove one of the Ramsgate ambulances for four years. He has been in the R.A.S.C. nearly two years and is continuing his old job of ambulance driving. He is now stationed in the Middle East.

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St. Georgians in Africa

Another pair of ambulancemen brothers, David and Noel Foad, sons of Mrs. Foad, of St. George's-road, are in Africa—the former in the south and the latter in the east.

David joined the R.A.M.C. over two and a half years ago after working at the Broadstairs branch of Messrs. Vye and Son, and Clifford, before he became orderly officer just before entering the Royal Corps of Signals. He spent six months in this country until early in March, when he left for Africa ago. Serving with the Sudan Defence Force, he has had a severe spell in hospital with dysentry and snake-bite.

Their sister Muriel joined the W.R.N.S. four months ago as a volunteer and she is now working as a regulating assistant. All were educated at St. George's School and are children of the late P/C James Foad, a former member of the old Ramsgate borough police force.

Pte. Bob Smith

Brothers Together

Of particular interest in connection with the Ramsgate ambulancemen are the adventures of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, of Salisbury-avenue, who have the good fortune to be together in the Middle East.

Pte. Charles Smith, who is 24, joined the R.A.M.C. in September, 1939, after working for the Faversham and Thanet Co-operative Society, and he served with a field ambulance unit in France for a few weeks before the collapse of that country, being evacuated from Brest. Charles went to the Middle East in December, 1941, and was attached as cook to a military hospital in the Sudan.

Robert, his 29-year-old brother, entered the R.A.M.C. a year after Charles and was called up since that year. Drafted to a military hospital in Palestine, he spent some months there before being sent to the Sudan last December, when he joined his brother. In the Sudan he found that Charles was interesting, especially a short period spent in an operating theatre.

Prior to his service life, Bob was employed at the Ramsgate Post Office and his many interests locally included membership of the Ramsgate Boy Scouts. He was sergeant and secretary of the Ramsgate Town Division, St. J.B., and in that capacity was largely responsible for the formation of the cadet corps, now efficiently run by C/Sgt. Supt. F. W. J. Norris. Bob is also well-known at Ramsgate Congregational Church.

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On Leave

Two members of the Town Division are at present on leave in Ramsgate. They are Acm. Jim Hodgman, son of Mrs. Hodgman, of 23 Canterbury-road, and Ken Amos, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Amos, of 11 Dane-crescent.

Acm. Hodgman, aged 21, is serving in the north of England as a gunner deck-hand in the Air-Sea Rescue Service. He left the Grange Road School, he worked on the outdoor staff of Ramsgate Corporation and joined the forces last October.

Ken Amos is also an Old Hornet and, at 18½, he has been in the Royal Navy for three months, training in radio direction-finding work. While working as a carpenter for Messrs. W. J. Pike Ramsgate, he was also a corporal in the local ambulance cadet corps, but about 18 months ago went to work in London. He is now at a shore station in the south of England.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the services so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

On the Move

In his latest letter from the Middle East to his wife, who lives at 30 Almaroad, Dvr. Alf Middleton, formerly a Ramsgate ambulanceman, said "We may move any time but no one knows when." That was written in the beginning of July and Mrs. Middleton has since been informed that his address has changed.

Wherever Alf was at the time of writing, he was making the most of his chances to visit the local cinemas, "if for," he said, "we shan't have any film shows if things start on the way. We have a bar of English chocolate once a week and it's very nice after the Palestine make we used to get."

Dvr. Middleton entered the R.A.S.C. towards the end of 1940 after being employed on motor cycle patrol by the Automobile Association.

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Young Servicemen

Four of the younger members of the brigade now in the forces hail from the Southwood district.

Ldg.-Acm. Ron Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Willis, of 25 Rawdon-road, has been in North Africa since February as a fitter in the Royal Air Force. Lemons cannot be as plentiful when he is an supply ingredient for lemonade costs 2s. 6d. a glass. Cooling drinks, however, are in great demand for Ron says it is so hot that if he leaves a tool lying for a short time in the sun he has to let it cool in the shade before he can pick it up. Ldg.-Acm. Willis, an Old St. Georgian, is 20, and he left school for a Royal Air Force training station a week before the declaration of war.

The 18-year-old twin brothers Albert and Alfred Goldsmith, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Goldsmith, of 28 Grosvenor-road, are both in the Royal Navy. The former, who is a fitter, is a local laundry until joining the service, has had a long period on the sick list but he is now out of hospital three weeks ago. Alfred, who is a cook, was employed at St. Peter's confectionery works. Their father, a time-serving sailor, who was recalled to duty at the outbreak of war, recently retired on invalided out of the Royal Navy, but besides Albert and Alfred there are three other sons, William (Royal Navy) and Reginald (Royal Marines) to carry on the family tradition.

At the age of 17½, Stkr. 2nd class Frederick Neeves, elder son of Mr. A. E. Neeves, of 8 Rawdon-road, policentered for service in the Navy just over a year ago. After working in the office of Messrs. Vye and Son he went to the Government training centre at Slough when 16, as a precision fitter, and spent a short time in a factory before entering the Navy.

RAMSGATE

Hardings, 2 Stafferdshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Licence Transfer.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday consented to the transfer of the license of the Queen Charlotte Inn, Addington-street, from Walter Sydney Hoskins to Brneet William Clinch.

Whist drives every Wednesday at 1 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Xmas Fund. Good prizes. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Waifs and Strays.—Collectors will be welcomed on any day in aid of the Waifs and Strays Society to be held at Ramsgate on Saturday. Boxes will be issued from Clarendon House the previous afternoon.

In Memory of H.C.F.—Additional sums received by Ramsgate General Hospital in memory of Mr. Fred Flowerdew are Mr. C. George, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Beasley, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. F. I. Cheshire, £1 1s.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 7th August amounted to £3,361, representing £2,096 deposited in the Post Office savings bank, £430 in savings certificates and £75 in defence bonds. The total for the previous week was £4,017.

Under Age.—The case against two boys, aged 13 and 13, accused of breaking into a store and stealing cycle accessories, a torch, a knife and a lighter, was dismissed on payment of 5s. costs each at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday. C/I Butcher said that since the case had been adjourned a month previously the boys had behaved exceedingly well.

Soldier Remanded.—A further remand for a week was ordered at Ramsgate police court on Wednesday on Gnr. Cyril Randall, Royal Artillery, aged 30, was attached as cook to a military hospital in the Sudan.

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SCHOOL MEALS

MARGATE GOES AHEAD

"It is a sad reflection on our times but it is true that in some cases you see youngsters turned out at mid-day and given a copper or two to get something to eat. You see them with a packet of crisps for the mid-day meal."

These words were used by Alderman W. C. Redman at a meeting of Margate Town Council when he submitted a recommendation that the Education Committee be authorised to appoint a woman organiser of school meals at a salary commencing at £230 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £10 to £250, with car bonus, which at present 10s. a week.

Varied opinions were aired in a lively debate on the subject, Alderman C. D. Rutter declaring that if time was too premature for such a move, but an amendment proposed by Councillor L. M. Hall that the matter be deferred was defeated and the proposition of the Education Committee was carried.

Alderman Redman said the scheme was strongly supported by the Board of Education, who stressed the necessity of seeing that every child had its hot dinner. Arrangements had been for Westgate and Birchington schools the meals could be cooked at King Ethelbert's, and for Margate and the schools in Margate it was proposed to build a new kitchen near the Petticoat Lane School. Providing a site was found, the Board would meet the entire cost of building and equipment for additional meals, and only pay 75 per cent. of the staff wages and he did not think the cost to the Council would be more than £300 per year. He considered that would be money well spent.

SOLDIER CHARGED

ALLEGED THEFT AT MARGATE

A remand on bail until to-morrow was ordered at Margate police court on Saturday when Pte. Frank Mitchell, aged 24, was charged with stealing a bath towel, three sheets, two pillow cases and a clock, together valued at £3, the property of Trocadero Cafe, Bethesna, from 11 Westbrook-avenue, between November and 5th August.

D/C Sell said in North Africa, at his billet the previous afternoon and told him he was making enquiries concerning articles missing from 11 Westbrook-avenue. He searched the billet and found two sheets and a pillow case bearing laundry marks on his bed. Accused said "I brought them from some time ago."

The laundry marks, said D/C Wren, were identical with those on other articles found at defendant's billet. Defendant later said "You need not trouble any more, I have been here with someone, but I only had the clock."

ALEX TO 'FRISCO

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degrees mark day after day. I've never yet seen rain fall at Aden. One wisecrack that always catches newcomers here is "You're not allowed to sit on the grass." It doesn't take long to find out why. Aden is a small town built on an extinct volcano crater and, naturally, cannot be seen from the harbour. The only view one gets from the harbour, which is a natural one, is a mass of towering brown mountains, the colour only broken by the white clock tower and one or two houses belonging to officials.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company operates here with a dozen or so huge storage tanks. Camels are the primary means of transportation, and just a few American cars which operate as taxis, the most popular route being the one to the canteen. In the distance, on the other side of the harbour, can be seen the great salt mines, too far away for one to visit. One day at Aden is quite enough for any sight-seeing or curio-buying.

The next stretch of the journey was rather a long one across 2,000 miles of the Indian Ocean to Colombo, the main naval base in Ceylon. While making this stage of the trip we were ordered to search for a German raider that was lurking in the vicinity. We were unlucky, for another vessel beat us to it and disposed of her.

Best Bargains.

Most of us had been to Colombo before, but we really knew when to go for the best bargains, some of which were elephants made of ebony. Sometimes not every jewel immediately available, fleurs faces carved out of coconut husks, were on show at every shop. The main street of Colombo is, I believe, the straigest in the world as the port's lighthouse stands in the centre of it. Some people consider it one of the seven wonders of the world. A kiosk stands on the pier and here one can buy the cheaply paying the Customs duty at the same time.

Fortune tellers were among some of the local attractions and fortunately, for two bottles of beer you could be told your future for the next year and, like all fortune tellers, they spun some amazing yarns. I am still waiting for the 2,000 rupees which are already due to me according to my "pal."

The weather here was slightly cooler than at Aden and refreshments consisting mainly of pineapple and coconut were very popular on board. Rickshaws were the sailors' choice of transport for the whole time and we were highly amused at the arguing and haggling that went on with the rickshaw boys.

So much for Colombo. After leaving the port we had 3,000 miles to go before Sydney. This trip was very enjoyable, the sea being calm, its azure blue occasionally broken by a flying fish. Business fell with the usual tropical suddenness, but not the kind of darkness we know in England. The stars shone like jewels and "shooting stars" flashed across the sky every few minutes, while tropical lightning played on the horizon. Looking south on our starboard side we could see the famous constellation of the Southern Cross, which we could easily be recognised and always seemed to be at an oblique angle. As we travelled further east, so the Southern Cross gradually descended on the horizon and after a few nights it had completely disappeared.

Flying Fish.

A striking phenomena I noticed was the phosphorescent glow of the ship's wake shining like a long silver ribbon. The flying fish, illuminated by the phosphorous, could easily be mistaken for small coloured birds. In the day-time thousands of brown objects floated by and we identified them as seaweed. Apart from the displays of nature the only other objects of interest were a few merchant ships and Australian warships.

We stayed here a day or two and only got a short leave. The climate here is very humid making one feel like a wet sack after the slightest exertion. There seemed to be every nationality in Singapore, but chiefly Malayans, Chinese, Burmese, Japanese, and a few unidentifiable.

I wasn't sorry to leave Singapore and we were all looking forward to the next but one; which was Honolulu. We arrived there early one morning and naturally everyone was looking forward to such a world-famous place—the millionaires' playground. We received a tremendous reception. The dockside was absolutely shouting all out for the few days we spent there. Many think that Honolulu is peopled by millionaires, but there is very little cash on there except dancing to strumming guitars. That is quite wrong. The population, as a whole, is very well-off, there being ten males to every female. The reason for this is that it is the naval base and all sailors and soldiers are stationed there, too.

Ten Cents a Photo.

To see the hula-hula girls dance while swaying their hips one had to pay a dollar or so, but for ten cents it was possible to pose with one for a photograph. Needless to say, curiosity was very brisk while we were there. I was shown round the great Hickam Field aerodrome, going to a show which everyone left decorated with leis (garlands of flowers).

On the 3rd I visited Waikiki Beach for a swim. It is here that film stars spend most of their vacations and it was a thrill for me to meet Dorothy Lamour, who was quite charming and gave us all her autograph. She was accompanied by a clergyman, presumably her father. I don't think she was quite as glamorous as the screen portrays her but I suppose that was only to be expected.

It was with deep regret that we left Honolulu to the strains of "Goodbye, Hawaii," played by our band. Everyone who had a lei threw it overboard when we passed a certain landmark. Legend has it that many years ago a Hawaiian prince had to sail away from his princess because of war. Throwing his leis into the sea, he uttered the words "If will find me and bring me back." Meaning is my symbol that he would return to the princess. Everyone who throws a lei into the sea never sees it, leaving sincerely hopes that we will return to Hawaii.

Work on "No Day."

The final stage of the journey was a trip of about 2,000 miles to San Francisco and this involved crossing the International Date Line. We had to put our watches back one hour each day in the Navy it is called "No Day," but we had to work just the same.

It was midnight when we entered San Francisco Bay but we were all wide awake for it looked like Fairyland to us. Right over the great harbour was the Golden Gate, the longest single-span bridge in the world, and beyond that lay 'Frisco with a million glittering lights. The music of a funfair could be faintly heard and we saw the usual roundabouts and swings decorated with fairy lights.

Looking to our right we saw a strange contrast. Half a mile away was the famous island prison of Alcatraz, with its small lighthouse winking incessantly as though boasting of what lay beyond the forbidding walls. No man ever escaped from Alcatraz and lived, for the currents are treacherously strong in the bay.

So we reached our destination—and what a time we had in America! Receptions at the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, banquets and cocktail parties, even pyjama parties. A few of us met the Andrews Sisters at a dance in 'Frisco, and danced with them. At that time we began to wish we lived in the States but after the weeks in the city we made the 3,000-mile trip by train to Philadelphia. That took us three days and nights and soon after that lap we embarked on the last stretch to the mother country.

MARGATE

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BIRTHS

Capel.—11th August, at 112 Victoria-avenue, Margate, the wife of Bernard Capel, 10 lb., a son.

Haskett.—5th August, at Hertford, the wife of Cpl. John Haskett, R.A.F., of Ramsgate, a son.

Hodgson.—9th August, at 5 Beacon-road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, to the wife of Sgt. Pilot Hodgson, R.A.F., a daughter (Kathleen Valerie).

MARRIAGES

Blatchford—Elliott.—14th August, at St. Lawrence Church, Thanet, by the Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Henry Richard Blatchford, of Winifred Ada Elliott, both of Ramsgate.

Theobald—Browning.—7th August, at St. Augustine's, Margate, Capt. Charles Gordon Theobald, of Liverpool, to Miss Ellen Browning, of Cliftonville, Margate.

DEATHS

Davis.—8th August, at 10 London Archbald, F. K. Davis, formerly of Minnis Croft, Birchington, aged 82 years.

Emery.—13th August, at Whitehaven, F. Emery, of Osmond-gardens, Cliftonville, Margate, aged 55 years.

Wigg.—14th August, at 3 Southwood-road, Ramsgate, Robert Henry Fagg, aged 72 years.

Jones.—5th August, at 16 Dane Park-road, Ramsgate, Henry Hall, aged 69 years.

Maple.—9th August, at Cambridge, Clara Maple, of 3 Northumberland-road, Margate.

Mercer.—In loving remembrance of Ern. who passed away 17th August, 1931.—From Nell, David and Thelma, Brookland, Kent.

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